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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

COLLADANT ET AL.

Examiner

Barbara P. Badio

Art Unit

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3-6, 8 and 11 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 7, 9 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/C)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/21/2007

First Office Action on the Merits

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 1, 2 and 7 in the reply filed on June 18, 2010 is acknowledged.
2. Based on applicant's election of Group I, claims 9 and 10 will be examined to the extent they read on medication or composition comprising the compound of Group I. Therefore, claims 3-6 and 11 stand withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a nonelected invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claims 1, 2, 7, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The instant claims are indefinite for the following reasons:

- (a) Claims 1 and 2 lack a period at the end; and
- (b) Claims 7 and 10 recite the phrase "particularly in" and "possibly in", respectively. The above-mentioned phrases render the claims indefinite because it is

unclear whether the limitation following each phrase is part of the claimed invention.

See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

For these reasons, the skilled artisan would be unable to determine the metes and bound of the claimed invention.

Double Patenting

5. Claim 2 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 1. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Note: Both claims are drawn to "crystalline form A of 3 β -amino-17-methylene-androstane-6 α ,7 β -diol hydrochloride". The property recited by claim 2 is inherently present in the compound of claim 1 and vice versa.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

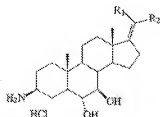
6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

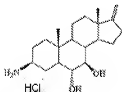
7. Claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Raymond et al. (WO 01/83512 cited on IDS submitted by applicant on 5/21/2007).

Raymond et al. teaches salts of 3 β -amino-6,7-dihydroxy-17-methylidene steroids of formula:



wherein R₂ is hydrogen and R₁ is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl or pentyl (see the entire article, especially Abstract, page 30, Scheme E; claims 11, 12; page 63, Synthesis of Compound 28; page 22, lines 26-32;).

The court has held that a prior art directed to a recognizable small class of compounds, having common properties which embrace the claimed compound, herein,



, is anticipatory notwithstanding the fact the claimed compound is not specifically named. *In re Schaumann et al.* (CCPA 1978) 572 F2d 312, 197 USPQ 5; *In re Petering et al.* (CCPA 1962) 301 F2d 676, 133 USPQ 275.

The recitation of X-ray diffraction pattern or unit cell parameters at 295 K is noted. However, the recitation of unknown property that is inherently present in the prior art does not necessarily make the claim patentable. *In re Best*, 562 F.2d 1252, 1254, 195 USPQ 430, 433 (CCPA 1977).

Telephone Inquiry

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barbara P. Badio whose telephone number is 571-272-0609. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 6:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreenivasan Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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